MR. BAGAMANE DEVA GOWDA.—Do not the Government consider that the community deserves to be treated separately from other backward classes for purposes of scholarships?

MR. H. V. RAMASVAMI.—They are grouped under what are known as minor backward communities for whom a sum of Rs. 1,000 has been separately set apart.

Prevention of Cow Slaughter.

MESSRS. C. RANGAPPA (Davangere Municipality) and CHENNAPPA (Davangere Taluk).—

Q.—43. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) Whether a committee had been constituted by Government for making proposals for prevention of slaughter of cows in the State?

(*b*) When was the committee formed?

(*c*) Has the committee submitted its report to Government?

(*d*) Will the Government be pleased to state a brief purport of the report?

(*e*) What is the action taken by Government on the said report?

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (MR. K. V. ANANTARAMAN).—

A.—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 1926.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) The purport of the report of the committee was that legislation may be introduced to protect all heifers, cows in milk and pregnant cows from slaughter.

(*e*) No action was taken as it was not considered either necessary or expedient to undertake legislation.

Extension of the Land Mortgage Bank Scheme.

MR. C. RANGAPPA (Davangere Municipality).—

Q.—44. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) How many land mortgage banks are there in the State and in what places?

(*b*) What is the total amount of loan advanced by these banks so far?

(*c*) (i) How many applications for loans were received in all; (ii) how many of the applicants were granted loans; and (iii) what is the total amount of the loan applied for?

(*d*) Would the Government be pleased to establish some more banks as there is much economic distress in the State?

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (MR. M. VENKATANARANAPPA).—

A.—(*a*) Besides the land mortgage bank in Bangalore City, there are 18 land mortgage societies working in the following places:—

1. Tumkur,
2. Saklespur.
3. Yesalur.
4. Sagar.
5. Bhimanakone.
6. Koppa.
7. Karimane.
8. Shimoga.
9. Chikmagalur.
10. Hassan.
11. Kunigal.
12. Narasimharajapura.
13. Goribidnur.
14. Chikballapur.
15. Krishnarajanagara.
16. Tiptur.
17. Turuvekere.
18. Kolar.

The land mortgage society which has very recently been registered at Kalasa, Mudigere Taluk, has not yet started work. The operations of the land mortgage bank have recently been extended to the Nanjangud Taluk.

(*b*) Rs. 2,37,850 through the societies; Rs. 84,150 direct by the bank.

Total Rs. 3,22,000.

(*c*) (i) 256 applications direct by the bank and 569 through land mortgage societies. 825 in all.

(ii) 32 individuals direct from the bank and 296 through the societies.

Total 328 individuals

(iii) Rs. 7,00,399 by the direct applicants; Rs. 9,63,938-4-0 through the societies.

Total Rs. 16,64,337-4-0.

(*d*) The lending operations of the land mortgage bank are being gradually extended with the intention of ultimately bringing as many taluks as possible within the scheme.

MR. B. SRINIVASA RAO.—Out of 825 applications, only 328 have been sanctioned by the bank. Why were the rest rejected?

MR. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—All the rest might not have been rejected. It is possible that some are still under investigation.

MR. B. SRINIVASA RAO.—Are the Government aware that in Bowringpet Taluk, a large number of persons have got into the clutches of Marwaris and other private money-lenders and the bank would be saving them by sanctioning their applications?

MR. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—No.

MR. B. SRINIVASA RAO.—If such cases come to notice, will some concession be shown to them, by transferring the Bowringpet area to the jurisdiction of the bank at Kolar in case a separate bank cannot be started at Bowringpet?

MR. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—The Registrar of Co-operative Societies will consider the cases if a representation is made to him.

MR. H. K. MADIAH.—With reference to answer to (*d*), has the bank prepared any definite programme of work?

MR. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—The question is engaging the attention of the bank.

MR. H. K. MADIAH.—If the bank does not prepare a programme of extension of its activities immediately, how will it be able to fulfil its objects?

THE FIRST MEMBER (*Rajamantrapravina Diwan Bahadur* K. MATTHAN).—The Board of Directors will consider and do all that is necessary. As a first step in that direction, the bank will have to ascertain in which areas conditions are favourable for the establishment of branches.

MR. K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—Are the Government aware that the bank is not lending more than 50 per cent of the value of the securities offered?

MR. K. MATTHAN.—That is a question which has been dealt with in the committee's report and Government are going to pass orders on the report as early as practicable.

MR. B. SRINIVASA IYENGAR (Anekal).—Is it not a fact that many are not receiving help through the bank since it has fixed a very high minimum of loans to be granted?

MR. K. MATTHAN.—That has been done advisedly so that there may be no clash between this bank and the ordinary co-operative societies. The parties will have to go to the co-operative societies for any small accommodation they might need.

MR. M. SUBBAIYA.—Was it not the intention, at the time of introducing the Agriculturist's Relief Regulation, to start land mortgage banks in all the taluks?

MR. K. MATTHAN.—That is the object even now and Government have expressed it so often. But as already stated, local conditions would have to be ascertained and sufficient money found for commencing work.

MR. T. MADIAH GOWDA.—In how many places in the Bangalore District have land mortgage banks been opened?

THE REGISTRAR OF CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES (MR. G. M. MEHKRI).—None so far.

MR. T. MARIAPPA.—Has the bank conducted any debt survey throughout the State?

MR. G. M. MEHKRI.—No. It has not been found practicable, but a few villages have been surveyed.

MR. T. MARIAPPA.—How, then, should the bank know which are all the taluks that stand in need of societies more urgently?

MR. G. M. MEHKRI.—The feasibility of extending the operation of the bank is investigated either by the bank on its own initiative or on the applications received from the raiyats in the taluks.

MR. GURUKAR VENKATARAMANA GOWDA.—Is there any idea of starting a bank at Kankanhalli?

MR. G. M. MEHKRI.—Not at present.

MR. J. MAHOMED IMAM.—Are any banks likely to be started in the near future in any part of the Chitaldrug District?

MR. G. M. MEHKRI.—The feasibility of starting land mortgage societies for the Harihar Sub-Taluk and the Chitaldrug Taluk is being investigated.

MR. J. MAHOMED IMAM.—Is it not necessary to open one at Davangere?

MR. G. M. MEHKRI.—It is not possible, and an endorsement to that effect has been given to the applicants from this taluk.

Construction of a Bridge across the Vedavati near Kellodu, Hosdurga Taluk.

MR. BHUPALAM NANJUNDIAH (Hosdurga Taluk).—

Q.—45. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) When was the estimate for a wooden bridge across the Vedavati River near Kellodu in Hosdurga Taluk prepared?

(*b*) (i) Is it a fact that the wooden bridge was not considered so useful, and (ii) an estimate for a girder bridge in lieu of it has since been prepared?

(*c*) Have the District Board consented to bear half the cost of the bridge?

(*d*) When do the Government intend to start the work?

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (*Diwan Bahadur* N. N. AYYANGAR).—

A.—(*a*) In 1934.

(*b*) (i) Yes. (ii) Under preparation.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) The work can be taken up only after the detailed estimate is sanctioned and funds could be found.

MR. G. CHANNAPPA.—Since the estimate is ready, will the Government kindly see their way to sanction the work?

MR. N. N. AYYANGAR.—That is the idea, provided finances permit.

MR. G. CHANNAPPA.—The District Board having agreed to contribute one-half of the cost, would there be any objection to take up the work with the help of that contribution, the Government grant being utilised for the later stages of construction?

MR. N. N. AYYANGAR.—The suggestion will be noted.

MR. J. MAHOMED IMAM.—Even if the District Board is unable to give its quota, is it not an item of work important enough to be sanctioned from State funds?

MR. N. N. AYYANGAR.—It may be an important item of work, but it may not be possible for Government to bear all the cost.

MR. B. L. BYANNA.—What is the amount of the estimate?

MR. N. N. AYYANGAR.—Rs. 1,06,000.

ANOTHER MEMBER.—Is it not a fact that Government have already passed orders to the effect that this bridge should be constructed as early as possible and that the department should find funds for it in the course of the budget year?

MR. N. N. AYYANGAR.—Yes, but just now Government are not able to find their quota.

ANOTHER MEMBER.—If the contribution of the District Board is used up and the Government's share of the cost is not provided, of what avail will be the money spent by the District Board?

DEWAN.—Government hope to be able to sanction their quota of the cost of this work.

Proposals to amend the Mysore Agriculturists' Relief Regulation.

MR. H. CHANNAPPA (Davangere Taluk).—

Q.—46. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) Whether a committee had been constituted by Government for making proposals to amend the Agriculturists' Relief Regulation? (ii) whether the committee has submitted its report to Government? and (iii) if so, whether the report will be published for the information of the people?

(*b*) Would any modifications be made to the Regulation as per suggestions of the committee and would the matter be placed for discussion in the Assembly at its next sittings?

THE GENERAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (MR. H. V. RAMASVAMI).—

A.—(*a*) (i) Yes.

(ii) Yes.